

Mathematical Proofs

Chapter 1 – Exercise solutions and notes

Section 1:

Exercises

- 1) Which of the following sentences are statements? Indicate their truth value.
 - a) False
 - b) True
 - c) Not a statement
 - d) Not a statement
 - e) Not a statement
 - f) Not a statement
 - g) Not a statement
- 2) Consider the sets A , B , C and D ...
 - a) True, since an integer n can be found for $1 + 3n = 25$
 - b) False, since $33 \notin D$
 - c) False, since $22 \in A$
 - d) True, since all prime numbers except 2 are uneven
 - e) True, since \emptyset has no elements
 - f) False since 53 is a prime thus $53 \in C$
- 3) Which of the following statements are true?
 - a) False, since \emptyset has no elements
 - b) True since \emptyset is contained in $\{\emptyset\}$
 - c) True since sets are unordered
 - d) False since $*$ is not equal to the set $\{\emptyset\}$
 - e) True since \emptyset has no elements
 - f) False since 1 is not a set
- 4) $x(x - 1) = 6 \rightarrow x^2 - x = 6 : x \in \mathbb{R}$
 - a) $T: \{3, -2\}$
 - b) $F: \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x \neq 3, -2\}$
- 5) $3x - 2 > 4 : x \in \mathbb{Z}$
 - a) $T: \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x > 2\}$
 - b) $F: \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x \leq 2\}$
- 6) $P(A): A \subseteq \{1, 2, 3\}$ over $S = P(\{1, 2, 4\})$
 - a) $A \subseteq \{1, 2\}$
 - b) $A \not\supseteq \{4\}$
 - c) $A = \{4\}$

7) $P(n)$: n and $n + 2$ are primes “twin primes”

a) $n = \{3, 5, 11, 17, 29, 41, \dots\}$

8) $P(n)$: $\frac{n^2+5n+6}{2}$ is even

a) $S_1 = \{1, 2, 5\}$

b) $S_2 = \{3, 4, 7\}$

9) $P(n)$: $n < 6$

10) $P(n)$ and $Q(n) : n \in S = \{2, 4, 6, 8\}$

a) $P(n)$: $\frac{n}{2}$ is uneven

b) $Q(n)$: $n \in \{2, 8\}$

Section 2: The Negation of a Statement

Exercises

11) State the negation of each statement.

- a) $\sqrt{2}$ is not a rational number
- b) 0 is a negative integer
- c) 111 is not a prime number

12) Complete the truth table.

P	Q	$\sim P$	$\sim Q$
T	T	F	F
T	F	F	T
F	T	T	F
F	F	T	T

13) State the negation of each of the following statements

- a) The real number r is larger than $\sqrt{2}$
- b) The absolute value of the real number a is at least 3
- c) At most one of the triangles angles is 45°
- d) The area of the circle is less than 9π
- e) The sides of the triangle are of different lengths
- f) The point P in the plane lies inside the circle C

14) State the negation of each of the following statements

- a) At most one of my library books is overdue
- b) None (or both) of my friends misplaced his homework assignment
- c) Some expected that to happen
- d) It's often that my instructor teaches that course
- e) It's not surprising that two students received the same exam score

Section 3: The Disjunction and Conjunction of Statements

Notes

$$P \text{ or } Q \rightarrow P \vee Q$$

$$P \text{ and } Q \rightarrow P \wedge Q$$

Exercises

15) Complete the truth table.

P	Q	$\sim Q$	$P \wedge (\sim Q)$
T	T	F	F
T	F	T	T
F	T	F	F
F	F	T	F

16) For the sets A and B, consider the statements...

- a) False
- b) True
- c) False
- d) False
- e) True

17) Let P: 15 is odd and Q: 21 is prime

- a) True
- b) False
- c) False
- d) True

18) $P(A): A \cap \{2, 4, 6\} = \emptyset$ and $Q(A): A \neq \emptyset$

- a) $P(A) \wedge Q(A) = \text{True when } A \in \{1, 3, 5\}$
- b) $P(A) \vee \sim Q(A) = \text{True when } A \in \{1, 3, 5\} \text{ or } A = \emptyset$
- c) $\sim P(A) \wedge \sim Q(A) = \text{True when } A = \{\}$

Section 4: The Implication

Notes

Table 1 - Implication truth table

P	Q	$P \Rightarrow Q$
True	True	True
True	False	False
False	True	True
False	False	True

Exercises

19) Consider the statements P : 17 is even and Q : 19 is prime. Write each statement in words and indicate whether it is true or false.

- a) $\sim P$: 17 is odd (True)
- b) $P \vee Q$: 17 is even or 19 is prime (True – 19 is prime)
- c) $P \wedge Q$: 17 is even and 19 is prime (False – 17 is odd)
- d) $P \Rightarrow Q$: If 17 is even, then 19 is prime (True – 19 is prime)

20) For statements P and Q , construct a truth table for $(P \Rightarrow Q) \Rightarrow (\sim P)$

$P \Rightarrow Q$	$\sim P$	$(P \Rightarrow Q) \Rightarrow (\sim P)$
True	False	False
False	False	True
True	True	True
True	True	True

21) Consider the statements P : $\sqrt{2}$ is rational and Q : $\frac{22}{7}$ is rational. Write each of the following statements in words and indicate whether it is true or false.

- a) $P \Rightarrow Q$: If $\sqrt{2}$ is rational, then $\frac{22}{7}$ is rational (True)
- b) $Q \Rightarrow P$: If $\frac{22}{7}$ is rational, then $\sqrt{2}$ is rational (False – $\sqrt{2}$ is not rational)
- c) $(\sim P) \Rightarrow (\sim Q)$: If $\sqrt{2}$ is irrational, then $\frac{22}{7}$ is irrational (False – $\frac{22}{7}$ is not irrational)
- d) $(\sim Q) \Rightarrow (\sim P)$: If $\frac{22}{7}$ is irrational, then $\sqrt{2}$ is irrational (True – $\sqrt{2}$ is irrational)

22) Consider the statements:

P : $\sqrt{2}$ is rational. Q : $\frac{2}{3}$ is rational. R : $\sqrt{3}$ is rational.

- a) $(P \wedge Q) \Rightarrow R$: If $\sqrt{2}$ and $\frac{2}{3}$ are rational, then $\sqrt{3}$ is rational (True – $\sqrt{2}$ is not rational)
- b) $(P \wedge Q) \Rightarrow (\sim R)$: If $\sqrt{2}$ and $\frac{2}{3}$ are rational, then $\sqrt{3}$ is irrational (True – $\sqrt{2}$ is not rational)
- c) $((\sim P) \wedge Q) \Rightarrow R$: If $\sqrt{2}$ is irrational and $\frac{2}{3}$ is rational, then $\sqrt{3}$ is rational (False – $\sqrt{3}$ is not rational)
- d) $(P \vee Q) \Rightarrow (\sim R)$: If $\sqrt{2}$ or $\frac{2}{3}$ is rational, then $\sqrt{3}$ is irrational (True – $\sqrt{3}$ is irrational)

23) Suppose that $\{S_1, S_2\}$ is a partition of a set S and $x \in S$. Which of the following are true?

- a) If we know that $x \notin S_1$ then x must belong to S_2 . (True)
- b) It's possible that $x \notin S_1$ and $x \notin S_2$. (False)
- c) Either $x \notin S_1$ or $x \notin S_2$. (True)
- d) Either $x \in S_1$ or $x \in S_2$. (True)
- e) It's possible that $x \in S_1$ and $x \in S_2$. (False)

24) Two sets A and B are nonempty disjoint subsets of a set S . If $x \in S$, then which of the following are true?

- a) It's possible that $x \in A \cap B$. (False – A and B are disjoint)
- b) If x is an element of A , then x can't be an element of B . (True – A and B are disjoint)

- c) If x is not an element of A , then x must be an element of B . (False – It is possible that $A \cup B \neq S$)
- d) It's possible that $x \notin A$ and $x \notin B$. (True – It's possible that $A \cup B \neq S$)
- e) For each nonempty set C , either $x \in A \cap C$ or $x \in B \cap C$. (False – It is possible that $A \cup B \neq S$)
- f) For some nonempty set C , both $x \in A \cup C$ and $x \in B \cup C$. (True if C contains x , False otherwise)

25) A college student makes the following statement: If I receive an A in both Calculus I and Discrete Mathematics this semester, then I'll take either Calculus II or Computer Programming this summer.

P: A in Calculus I and Discrete Mathematics
Q: Takes Calculus II or Computer Programming

- a) P is false and Q is true. (True)
- b) P is true and Q is false. (False)
- c) P is false and Q is true. (True)
- d) P is true and Q is true. (True)
- e) P is false and Q is false. (True)

26) A college student makes the following statement: If I don't see my advisor today, then I'll see her tomorrow.

P: Don't see advisor today
Q: See advisor tomorrow

- a) P is true and Q is false. (False)
- b) P is false and Q is true. (True)
- c) P is true and Q is true AND P is false and Q is false. (True)
- d) P is true and Q is false. (False)

27) The instructor of a computer science class announces...

- a) Alice \Rightarrow Ben
- b) Ben \Rightarrow Cindy
- c) Cindy \Rightarrow Don
- d) The two students who attend are Cindy and Don

28) Consider the statement (implication): If Bill takes Sam to the concert, then Sam will take Bill to dinner.

P: Bill takes Sam to concert
Q: Sam takes bill to dinner

- a) Q only if P . (False – P can be false and Q true and the implication still holds)
- b) Either $\sim P$ or Q . (False – The $\sim P \wedge Q$ scenario is also true)
- c) P is true. (False – Q doesn't happen)
- d) P is true and Q is true. (True)
- e) P is true and Q is false. (False)
- f) P is false. (True)
- g) P is false. (True)

29) Let P and Q be statements. Which of the following implies that $P \vee Q$ is false?

- a) $(\sim P) \vee (\sim Q)$ is false. (False – P or Q can be true)
- b) $(\sim P) \vee Q$ is true. (False – Q can be true)
- c) $(\sim P) \wedge (\sim Q)$ is true. (True – both P and Q must be false)
- d) $Q \Rightarrow P$ is true. (False – P or Q can be true)
- e) $P \wedge Q$ is false. (False – one of them can be true)

Section 5: More on Implications

Notes

\mathbb{R} : Real numbers (all real numbers)

\mathbb{Q} : Rational numbers

\mathbb{N} : Natural numbers (positive integers, starting from 1)

\mathbb{Z} : Integers (positive and negative including 0)

Exercises

30) Consider the open sentences $P(n)$: $5n + 3$ is prime. And $Q(n)$: $7n + 1$ is prime. Both over the domain \mathbb{N} . State in words.

- a) $P(n) \Rightarrow Q(n)$: If $5n + 3$ is prime, then $7n + 1$ is prime.
- b) $P(2) \Rightarrow Q(2)$: If 13 is prime, then 15 is prime. (False – 15 is not prime)
- c) $P(6) \Rightarrow Q(6)$: if 33 is prime, then 43 is prime. (True – 33 is not prime)

31) In each of the following, two open sentences $P(x)$ and $Q(x)$ over a domain S are given.

Determine all $x \in S$ for which $P(x) \Rightarrow Q(x)$ is a true statement.

- a) $P(x): |x| = 4; Q(x): x = 4; S = \{-4, -3, 1, 4, 5\}$
 - i) $S_{\text{true}} = \{-3, 1, 4, 5\}$
- b) $P(x): x^2 = 16; Q(x): |x| = 4; S = \{-6, -4, 0, 3, 4, 8\}$
 - i) $S_{\text{true}} = \{-6, -4, 0, 3, 4, 8\}$ aka true for all $x \in S$
- c) $P(x): x > 3; Q(x): 4x - 1 > 12; S = \{0, 2, 3, 4, 6\}$
 - i) $S_{\text{true}} = \{0, 2, 3, 4, 6\}$ aka true for all $x \in S$

32) In each of the following, two open sentences $P(x)$ and $Q(x)$ over a domain S are given.

Determine all $x \in S$ for which $P(x) \Rightarrow Q(x)$ is a true statement.

- a) $P(x): x - 3 = 4; Q(x): x \geq 8; S = \mathbb{R}$
 - i) True for $x \neq 7$
- b) $P(x): x^2 \geq 1; Q(x): x \geq 1; S = \mathbb{R}$
 - i) True for $x > -1$
- c) $P(x): x^2 \geq 1; Q(x): x \geq 1; S = \mathbb{N}$
 - i) True for all $x \in S$
- d) $P(x): x \in [-1, 2]; Q(x): x^2 \leq 2; S = [-1, 1]$
 - i) True for all $x \in S$ since $Q(x)$ is true for all $x \in S$

33) In each of the following, two open sentences $P(x, y)$ and $Q(x, y)$ are given, where the domain of both x and y is \mathbb{Z} . Determine the truth value of $P(x, y) \Rightarrow Q(x, y)$ for the given values of x and y .

- a) $P(x, y): x^2 - y^2 = 0; Q(x, y): x = y; (x, y) \in \{(1, -1), (3, 4), (5, 5)\}$

- i) True for $(x, y) \in \{(3,4), (5,5)\}$
- b) $P(x, y): |x| = |y|; Q(x, y): x = y; (x, y) \in \{(1,2), (2,-2), (6,6)\}$
 - i) True for $(x, y) \in \{(1,2), (6,6)\}$
- c) $P(x, y): x^2 + y^2 = 1; Q(x, y): x + y = 1; (x, y) \in \{(1,-1), (-3,4), (0,-1), (1,0)\}$
 - i) True for $(x, y) \in \{(1,-1), (-3,4), (1,0)\}$

34) Each of the following describes an implication. Write the implication in the form “if, then.”

- a) If a point on the straight line is given by $2y + x - 3 = 0$ and x is an integer, then y an integer.
- b) If n is odd then n^2 is odd.
- c) If $3n + 7$ is even and $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, then n is odd.
- d) If $f(x) = \cos x$, then $f'(x) = -\sin x$
- e) If the circumference of C is 4π , then the area of C is 4π
- f) If n^3 is even, then n is even.

Section 6: The Biconditional

Notes

$$\text{Biconditional: } (P \Rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \Rightarrow P) = P \Leftrightarrow Q$$

P	Q	$P \Rightarrow Q$	$Q \Rightarrow P$	$P \Leftrightarrow Q$
T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	T	F
F	T	T	F	F
F	F	T	T	T

The biconditional $P \Leftrightarrow Q$ is often stated as: $P = Q$

Exercises

- 35) Let P : 18 is odd and Q : 25 is even. State $P \Leftrightarrow Q$ in words. Is $P \Leftrightarrow Q$ true or false?
- a) 18 is odd if and only if 25 is even.
 - b) True (both are false)
- 36) Let $P(x)$: x is odd and $Q(x)$: x^2 is odd. Be open sentences over the domain \mathbb{Z} . State $P(x) \Leftrightarrow Q(x)$ in two ways: (1) using “if and only if” and (2) using “necessary and sufficient”.
- a) x is odd if and only if x^2 is odd
 - b) x being odd is a necessary and sufficient condition for x^2 being odd
- 37) For the open sentences $P(x): |x - 3| < 1; Q(x): x \in \{2, 4\}$. Over the domain \mathbb{R} , state the biconditional $P(x) \Leftrightarrow Q(x)$ in two different ways.
- a) $|x - 3| < 1$ if and only if $x \in \{2, 4\}$
 - b) The condition $|x - 3| < 1$ is necessary and sufficient for $x \in \{2, 4\}$

38) Consider the open sentences: $P(x): x = -2$; $Q(x): x^2 = 4$ over the domain $S = \{-2, 0, 2\}$.

State each of the following in words and determine all values of $x \in S$ for which the resulting statement is true.

- a) $\sim P(x)$
 - i) $x \neq -2$
 - ii) True for all $x \in \{0, 2\}$
- b) $P(x) \vee Q(x)$
 - i) $x = -2$ or $x^2 = 4$
 - ii) True for all $x \in \{-2, 2\}$
- c) $P(x) \wedge Q(x)$
 - i) $x = -2$ and $x^2 = 4$
 - ii) True for $x = -2$
- d) $P(x) \Rightarrow Q(x)$
 - i) If $x = -2$ then $x^2 = 4$
 - ii) True for all $x \in S$
- e) $Q(x) \Rightarrow P(x)$
 - i) If $x^2 = 4$ then $x = -2$
 - ii) True for $x \in \{-2, 0\}$
- f) $P(x) \Leftrightarrow Q(x)$
 - i) $x = -2$ if and only if $x^2 = 4$
 - ii) True for all $x \in \{-2, 0\}$

39) For the following open sentences $P(x)$ and $Q(x)$ over domain S , determine all values of $x \in S$ for which the biconditional $P(x) \Leftrightarrow Q(x)$ is true.

- a) $P(x): |x| = 4$; $Q(x): x = 4$; $S = \{-4, -3, 1, 4, 5\}$
 - i) True for all $x \in \{-3, 1, 4, 5\}$
 - ii) Alt. notation: True for all $x \in S - \{-4\}$
- b) $P(x): x \geq 3$; $Q(x): 4x - 1 > 12$; $S = \{0, 2, 3, 4, 6\}$
 - i) True for all $x \in \{0, 2, 4, 6\}$
 - ii) Alt. notation: True for all $x \in S - \{3\}$
- c) $P(x): x^2 = 16$; $Q(x): x^2 - 4x = 0$; $S = \{-6, -4, 0, 3, 4, 8\}$
 - i) True for all $x \in \{-6, 3, 4, 8\}$
 - ii) Alt. notation: True for all $x \in S - \{-4, 0\}$

40) In each of the following, two open sentences $P(x, y)$ and $Q(x, y)$ are given, where the domain of both x and y is \mathbb{Z} . Determine the truth value of $P(x, y) \Leftrightarrow Q(x, y)$ for the given values of x and y .

- a) $P(x, y): x^2 - y^2 = 0$; $Q(x, y): x = y$; $(x, y) \in \{(1, -1), (3, 4), (5, 5)\}$
 - i) True for all $(x, y) \in \{(3, 4), (5, 5)\}$
- b) $P(x, y): |x| = |y|$; $Q(x, y): x = y$; $(x, y) \in \{(1, 2), (2, -2), (6, 6)\}$
 - i) True for all $(x, y) \in \{(1, 2), (6, 6)\}$
- c) $P(x, y): x^2 + y^2 = 1$; $Q(x, y): x + y = 1$; $(x, y) \in \{(1, -1), (-3, 4), (0, -1), (1, 0)\}$
 - i) True for all $(x, y) \in \{(1, -1), (1, 0)\}$

41) Determine all values of n in the domain $S = \{1,2,3\}$ for which the following is a true statement: A necessary and sufficient condition for $\frac{n^3+n}{2}$ to be even is that $\frac{n^2+n}{2}$ is odd.

- a) $n = 1$
 - i) $\frac{2}{2}$ is even and $\frac{2}{2}$ is odd. (False)
- b) $n = 2$
 - i) $\frac{10}{2}$ is even and $\frac{6}{2}$ is odd. (False)
- c) $n = 3$
 - i) $\frac{90}{2}$ is even and $\frac{12}{2}$ is odd (True – both are false)

42) Determine all values of n in the domain $S = \{2,3,4\}$ for which the following is a true statement: The integer $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$ is odd if and only if $\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ is even.

- a) $n = 2$
 - i) $\frac{2}{2}$ is odd if and only if $\frac{6}{2}$ is even. (False)
- b) $n = 3$
 - i) $\frac{6}{2}$ is odd if and only if $\frac{12}{2}$ is even. (True)
- c) $n = 4$
 - i) $\frac{12}{2}$ is odd if and only if $\frac{20}{2}$ is even. (False)

43) Let $S = \{1,2,3\}$. Consider the following open sentences over the domain S . Determine three distinct elements a, b, c in S such that...

$$P(n): \frac{(n+4)(n+5)}{2} \text{ is odd}$$

$$Q(n): 2^{n-2} + 3^{n-2} + 6^{n-2} > (2.5)^{n-1}$$

- a) $P(a) \Rightarrow Q(a)$ is false
 - i) $P(1)$ is true and $Q(1)$ is false
 - ii) $a = 1$
- b) $Q(b) \Rightarrow P(b)$ is false
 - i) $P(3)$ is false and $Q(3)$ is true
 - ii) $b = 3$
- c) $P(a) \Leftrightarrow Q(a)$ is true
 - i) $P(2)$ is true and $Q(2)$ is true
 - ii) $c = 2$

44) Let $S = \{1,2,3,4\}$. Consider the following open sentences over the domain S . Determine four distinct elements a, b, c, d in S such that...

$$P(n): \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \text{ is even}$$

$$Q(n): 2^{n-2} - (-2)^{n-2} \text{ is even}$$

$$R(n): 5^{n-1} + 2^n \text{ is prime}$$

Table 2 - Results of $P(n)$, $Q(n)$ and $R(n)$ given n in $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

n	$P(n)$	$Q(n)$	$R(n)$
1	0 True	1 False	3 True
2	1 False	0 True	9 False
3	3 False	4 True	33 False
4	6 True	0 True	141 False

- a) $P(a) \Rightarrow Q(a)$ is false
 - i) $a \in \{1\} \rightarrow a = 1$
- b) $Q(b) \Rightarrow P(b)$ is true
 - i) $b \in \{1, 4\} \rightarrow b = 4$
- c) $P(c) \Leftrightarrow R(c)$ is true
 - i) $c \in \{1, 2, 3\} \rightarrow c = 2$
- d) $Q(d) \Leftrightarrow R(d)$ is false
 - i) $d \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \rightarrow d = 3$

45) Let $P(n): 2^n - 1$ is a prime; $Q(n): n$ is a prime. Be open sentences over the domain $S = \{2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11\}$. Determine all values of $n \in S$ for which $P(n) \Leftrightarrow Q(n)$ is a true statement.

- a) $2: 2^2 - 1$ is a prime if and only if 2 is a prime
 - i) True (both statements are true)
- b) $3: 2^3 - 1$ is a prime if and only if 3 is a prime
 - i) True (both statements are true)
- c) $4: 2^4 - 1$ is a prime if and only if 4 is a prime
 - i) True (both statements are false)
- d) $5: 2^5 - 1$ is a prime if and only if 5 is a prime
 - i) True (both statements are true)
- e) $6: 2^6 - 1$ is a prime if and only if 6 is a prime
 - i) True (both statements are false)
- f) $11: 2^{11} - 1$ is a prime if and only if 11 is a prime
 - i) False ($2^{11} - 1$ is not a prime but 11 is)
- g) SUMMARY: True for all $n \in S - \{11\}$

Section 7: Tautologies and Contradictions

Notes

Tautology: A compound statement which is always true, e. g. $P \vee \sim P$
Contradiction: A compound statement which is always false, e. g. $P \wedge \sim P$

Exercises

46) For statements P and Q , show that $P \Rightarrow (P \vee Q)$ is a tautology

P	Q	$(P \vee Q)$	$P \Rightarrow (P \vee Q)$
T	T	T	T
T	F	T	T
F	T	T	T
F	F	F	T

47) For statements P and Q , show that $(P \wedge (\sim Q)) \wedge (P \wedge Q)$ is a contradiction

P	Q	$P \wedge Q$	$P \wedge (\sim Q)$	$(P \wedge (\sim Q)) \wedge (P \wedge Q)$
T	T	T	F	F
T	F	F	T	F
F	T	F	F	F
F	F	F	F	F

48) For statements P and Q , show that $(P \wedge (P \Rightarrow Q)) \Rightarrow Q$ is a tautology. Then state the compound statement in words. (This is an important logical argument form, called **modus ponens**.)

a) If P is true and P implies Q , then Q is true.

P	Q	$P \Rightarrow Q$	$P \wedge (P \Rightarrow Q)$	$(P \wedge (P \Rightarrow Q)) \Rightarrow Q$
T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	F	T
F	T	T	F	T
F	F	T	F	T

49) For statements P , Q and R , show that $((P \Rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \Rightarrow R)) \Rightarrow (P \Rightarrow R)$ is a tautology. Then state this compound statement in words. (This is another important logical argument form, called **sylogism**.)

a) If P implies Q and Q implies R , then P implies R

P	Q	R	$(P \Rightarrow Q)$	$(Q \Rightarrow R)$	$(P \Rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \Rightarrow R)$	$(P \Rightarrow R)$	$((P \Rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \Rightarrow R)) \Rightarrow \dots$
T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
T	T	F	T	F	F	F	T
T	F	T	F	T	F	T	T
T	F	F	F	T	F	F	T
F	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
F	T	F	T	F	F	T	T
F	F	T	T	T	T	T	T
F	F	F	T	T	T	T	T

50) Let R and S be compound statements involving the same compound statements. If R is a tautology and S is a contradiction, then what can be said of the following?

- a) $R \vee S$ is true, since R is always true
- b) $R \wedge S$ is false, since S is always false
- c) $R \Rightarrow S$ is false, since ' $true \Rightarrow false$ ' is false
- d) $S \Rightarrow R$ is true, since ' $false \Rightarrow true$ ' is true

Section 8: Logical Equivalence

Notes

Logical equivalence: $P \Rightarrow Q \equiv (\sim P) \vee Q$

Exercises

51) For statements P and Q , the implication $(\sim P) \Rightarrow (\sim Q)$ is called the inverse of the implication $P \Rightarrow Q$.

- a) Use a truth table to show that these statements are not logically equivalent

P	Q	$P \Rightarrow Q$	$(\sim P) \Rightarrow (\sim Q)$
T	T	T	T
T	F	F	T
F	T	T	F
F	F	T	T

- b) Find another implication that is logically equivalent to $(\sim P) \Rightarrow (\sim Q)$ and verify your answer

i) $P \vee (\sim Q) \equiv Q \Rightarrow P \equiv (\sim P) \Rightarrow (\sim Q)$

P	Q	$(\sim P) \Rightarrow (\sim Q)$	$P \vee (\sim Q)$	$Q \Rightarrow P$
T	T	T	T	T
T	F	T	T	T
F	T	F	F	F
F	F	T	T	T

52) Let P and Q be statements.

- a) Is $\sim(P \vee Q)$ logically equivalent to $(\sim P) \vee (\sim Q)$? Explain.
 - i) They are logically equivalent since each statement is only true when both Q and P are false, and true otherwise.
- b) What can you say about the biconditional $\sim(P \vee Q) \Leftrightarrow ((\sim P) \vee (\sim Q))$?
 - i) The biconditional is a tautology since $\sim(P \vee Q) \equiv ((\sim P) \vee (\sim Q))$

53) For statements P , Q and R , use a truth table to show that each of the following pairs of statements is logically equivalent.

- a) $(P \wedge Q) \Leftrightarrow P$ and $P \Rightarrow Q$

P	Q	$P \wedge Q$	$(P \wedge Q) \Leftrightarrow P$	$P \Rightarrow Q$
T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	F	F
F	T	F	T	T
F	F	F	T	T

$$P \Rightarrow (Q \vee R) \text{ and } (\sim Q) \Rightarrow ((\sim P) \vee R)$$

P	Q	R	$Q \vee R$	$P \Rightarrow (Q \vee R)$	$(\sim P) \vee R$	$(\sim Q) \Rightarrow ((\sim P) \vee R)$
T	T	T	T	T	T	T
T	T	F	T	T	F	T
T	F	T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	F	F	F	F
F	T	T	T	T	T	T
F	T	F	T	T	T	T
F	F	T	T	T	T	T
F	F	F	F	T	T	T

54) For statements P and Q, show that $(\sim Q) \Rightarrow (P \wedge (\sim P))$ and Q are logically equivalent

P	Q	$P \wedge (\sim P)$	$(\sim Q) \Rightarrow (P \wedge (\sim P))$
T	T	F	T
T	F	F	F
F	T	F	T
F	F	F	F

55) For statements P, Q and R, show that $(P \vee Q) \Rightarrow R$ and $(P \Rightarrow R) \wedge (Q \Rightarrow R)$ are logically equivalent

P	Q	R	$P \vee Q$	$(P \vee Q) \Rightarrow R$	$P \Rightarrow R$	$Q \Rightarrow R$	$(P \Rightarrow R) \wedge (Q \Rightarrow R)$
T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
T	T	F	T	F	F	F	F
T	F	T	T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	T	F	F	T	F
F	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
F	T	F	T	F	T	F	F
F	F	T	F	T	T	T	T
F	F	F	F	T	T	T	T

56) Two compound statements S and T are composed of the same component statements P, Q and R. If S and T are not logically equivalent, then what can we conclude from this?

a) $S \Leftrightarrow T$ is not a tautology

57) Five compound statements S_1, S_2, S_3, S_4 and S_5 are all composed of the same component statements P and Q whose truth tables have identical first and fourth rows. Show that at least two of these five statements are logically equivalent.

S1	S2	S3	S4	S5
T	T	T	T	T
T	T	F	F	X
T	F	T	F	X
F	F	F	F	F

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Notes

Theorem 18

- (1) Commutative Laws
 - (a) $P \vee Q \equiv Q \vee P$
 - (b) $P \wedge Q \equiv Q \wedge P$
- (2) Associative Laws
 - (a) $P \vee (Q \vee R) \equiv (P \vee Q) \vee R$
 - (b) $P \wedge (Q \wedge R) \equiv (P \wedge Q) \wedge R$
- (3) Distributive Laws
 - (a) $P \vee (Q \wedge R) \equiv (P \vee Q) \wedge (P \vee R)$
 - (b) $P \wedge (Q \vee R) \equiv (P \wedge Q) \vee (P \wedge R)$
- (4) De Morgan's Laws
 - (a) $\sim(P \vee Q) \equiv (\sim P) \wedge (\sim Q)$
 - (b) $\sim(P \wedge Q) \equiv (\sim P) \vee (\sim Q)$

Theorem 21

- (1) For statements P and Q,
 - (a) $\sim(P \Rightarrow Q) \equiv P \wedge (\sim Q)$
 - (b) $\sim(P \Leftrightarrow Q) \equiv (P \wedge (\sim Q)) \vee (Q \wedge (\sim P))$

Exercises

58) Verify the following laws stated in Theorem 18:

- a) Let P, Q and R be statements. Then $P \vee (Q \wedge R) \equiv (P \vee Q) \wedge (P \vee R)$
 - i) The first statement is true if P or Q and R, or all three are true. Equivalently statement two is true only if both of the parenthesized statements are true. This requires either P to be true (since a P is in both statements), or Q and R to be true (since there is one of each in the statements). Thus the second statement is also true if P or Q and R, or all three are true.
- b) Let P and Q be statements. Then $\sim(P \vee Q) \equiv (\sim P) \wedge (\sim Q)$
 - i) The first statement is true only if P and Q are false. We can easily see that this is the case for statement two as well.

59) Write negations of the following open sentences.

- a) Either $x=0$ or $y=0$
 - i) Using De Morgan's Law (a): Both $x \neq 0$ and $y \neq 0$
- b) The integers a and b are both even
 - i) Using De Morgan's Law (b): Either the integer a is odd or the integer b is odd.

60) Consider the implication: If x and y are even, then xy is even.

- a) State the implication using "only if": x and y are even only if xy is even
- b) State the converse of the implication: xy is even only if x and y are even
- c) State the implication as a disjunction: x and y are odd or xy is even

$$\text{Theorem 17: } P \Rightarrow Q \equiv (\sim P) \vee Q$$

- d) State the negation of the implication as a conjunction: x and y are even and xy is odd

61) For a real number x , let $P(x): x^2 = 2$ and $Q(x): x = \sqrt{2}$. State the negation of the biconditional $P \Leftrightarrow Q$ in words.

- a) Biconditional: $x^2 = 2$ if and only if $x = \sqrt{2}$
- b) Negation: $\sim(P \Leftrightarrow Q) \equiv (P \wedge (\sim Q)) \vee (Q \wedge (\sim P))$, using De Morgan's Law (b)
- c) Result: Either both $x^2 = 2$ and $x \neq \sqrt{2}$, or both $x = \sqrt{2}$ and $x^2 \neq 2$

62) Let P and Q be statements. Show that $[(P \vee Q) \wedge \sim(P \wedge Q)] \equiv \sim(P \Leftrightarrow Q)$

P	Q	$(P \vee Q)$	$(P \wedge Q)$	$(P \vee Q) \wedge \sim(P \wedge Q)$	$\sim(P \Leftrightarrow Q)$
T	T	T	T	F	F
T	F	T	F	T	T
F	T	T	F	T	T
F	F	F	F	F	F

63) Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}$. For which implication is its negation the following? The integer $3n + 4$ is odd and $5n - 6$ is even

- a) The negated statement has the form $P \wedge Q$
 - i) $P: 3n + 4$ is odd; $Q: 5n - 6$ is even
- b) Using Theorem 21 (a): $\sim(P \Rightarrow Q) \equiv P \wedge (\sim Q)$
- c) Thus the original implication is: If $3n + 4$ is odd, then $5n - 6$ is odd.

64) For which biconditional is its negation the following? n^3 and $7n + 2$ are odd or n^3 and $7n + 2$ are even

- a) The negated statement has the form: $(P \wedge (\sim Q)) \vee (Q \wedge (\sim P))$
 - i) $P: n^3$ is odd; $Q: 7n + 2$ is even
- b) Using Theorem 21 (b): $\sim(P \Leftrightarrow Q) \equiv (P \wedge (\sim Q)) \vee (Q \wedge (\sim P))$
- c) Thus the original biconditional is: n^3 is odd if and only if $7n + 2$ is even